REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to add the Abstract of the Disclosure. Claims 1-9 are pending in this application.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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ABTRACT

Tennis shoes, comprising soles (5) having bases (7) and a large number of horizontal reinforcement crests (9), the horizontal reinforcement crests (9) further comprising ground-contact surfaces (11), toe side wall surfaces (13), and heel side wall surfaces (15), wherein the cross sectional shape of the horizontal reinforcement crests (9) is asymmetric, the tilted angle (θ b) of the heel side wall surfaces (15) is larger than the tilted angle (θ a) of the toe side wall surfaces (13), a difference therebetween (θ b- θ a) is 10 to 60°, the height (H) of the horizontal reinforcement crests (9) is 1 to 8 mm, the ratio (L2/L1) of the distance (L2) of the ground-contact surfaces (11) to a distance (L1) of a boundary part between the bases (7) and the horizontal reinforcement crests (9) is 0.2 to 0.8, and the ratio (μ a/ μ b) of the coefficient of friction (μ a) of a bottom surface in toe direction to the coefficient of friction (μ b)in heel direction is 0.3 to 0.9.